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## IN THE ABSTRACT:

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--A mesoporous silica structure having a plurality of mesopores includes a dendritic framework having mesopores. 90% or more of the mesopores observable in a  $500 \text{ nm} \times 500 \text{ nm}$  area pass through the framework in a direction perpendicular to a longitudinal direction of the framework.--